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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

This invention is a A steel cord having a strand construction formed by twisting a plurality of sheath strands each formed by twisting plural filaments around a core strand formed by twisting plural filaments; wherein at is provided. At least one of the core strand and the sheath strands has a construction of twisting one or more sheath layers each made of plural filaments around a core made of one or plural filaments, and a diameter of a filament constituting

filaments around a core made of one or plural filaments, and a diameter of a filament constituting an outermost sheath layer is made larger than that of a filament constituting at least one layer located inside thereof, whereby precedent breakage in a part of the filaments is avoided to improve the durability of the steel cord.